

AS DOTH A CANKER

2 Tim 2:17-19

Don't get involved in controversy over words--nothing to do with realities of Christian faith.

Subverted the hearers..contaminated, tainted, demoralized listeners.

2 Timothy 2:14 Solution: Study...cut it straight.

v.16 Shun profane and vain babblings... only increase unto more ungodliness

2 Timothy 2:17

Their teachings will devour, grow and increase as doth a cancer or gangrene.

Eat: pasturage, fodder, food.

Canker: gnaws and eats away body.

Gangrene: death of tissue due to failure of blood supply to the area. y.

Types:

1. Wet type

2. Dry type.

... disease which any part of the body suffering from inflammation becomes so corrupted that unless a remedy be seasonably applied, the evil continually spreads, attacks other parts and at last eats away at the bone.

Hymenaeus: the leader.

Philetus: *beloved*. Know nothing of him.

2 Timothy 2:18 These men taking shot at major doctrine

Overthrow: Upset, undermine, turned upside down

Faith: trust in God and God's Word.

Erred: missed mark, swerved, deviated from.

Resurrection is past already. You are wrong to believe some day body raised from dead.

These men:

1. Professed to be saved.

2. Professed to be experts.

3. Used scriptures.

4. Very heretical

Rom 6:3-4; Eph 2:6; Col 2:12; 3:1

Typical

1. Grab onto truth without seeing whole context

2. Preach and teach themselves into a corner.

3. Allegorize and spiritualize every text that disagrees

Two types of Resurrection in scriptures:

1. Spiritual – internal, at salvation.

2. Physical – external, at rapture.

1 Cor 15:12-22; John 5:28-29

Any truth taken out of balance leads to heresy.

Philosophy of the day: Pagan dualism (Gnosticism): *All mater is evil. All spirit is good. Since mater is evil our bodies must be evil therefore, since our bodies are evil they are not raised.*

Result:

1. v.16 Increase unto more ungodliness.
2. v.17 False doctrine spread like canker/gangrene
3. v.18 Overthrow faith of some.

2 Timothy 2:19 Truth of God will and has withstood all assaults of error.

It stands permanently.

Sure: firm, unmoveable.

Seal: authority. Mark of ownership. Guarantee or certification of genuine character.

2 certifications, proofs of God's seal (stamp of ownership)

1. *The Lord knoweth them that are His.*

Knoweth: recognize, understand completely, definitely.

Can't fool God. Matthew 7:21-23

One side of coin: security.

Other side...Purity

2. *Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

If truly a child of God, will have desire to stay away from sin .

Depart: stand aloof, withdraw oneself from

1 John 3:3-9; 2 Cor 5:17

SO WHAT?

1. Do you steer clear of all foolish discussions which only result in more ungodliness?
2. Are you developing the habit of studying the Word?
3. Have you ever made a decision not to get caught up in somebody's doctrinal band wagon until you have made sure it is consistent with the whole of scriptures.
4. Is your life based on God's solid foundation.
 - a. Salvation – security.
 - b. Purity – desire to stay away from sin?